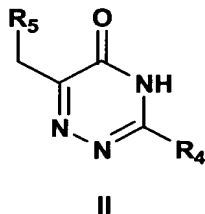


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A process for the preparation of a pyrrolotriazine carboxylic acid comprising the step of: reacting compound II of the formula

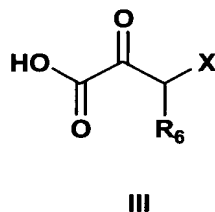


wherein

R₄ is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and

R₅ is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl;

with compound III of the formula

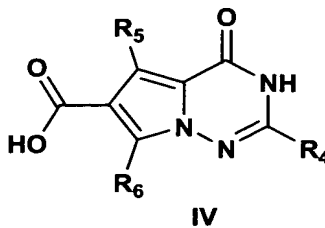


wherein

X is a leaving group;

R₆ is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl;

to afford compound IV of the formula



wherein

R₄, R₅, and R₆ are as defined above.

2. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein:

R₄ is hydrogen and

R₅ is methyl.

3. (Original) The process as defined in Claim 1 wherein compound III is a 3-halopyruvic acid.

4. (Original) The process as defined in Claim 3 wherein X is selected from Cl, Br, and R₉SO₂O-, wherein R₉ is selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl.

5-20. (Withdrawn)